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Application of: BENGIS *et al.*

Application No.: 09/869,395

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Examiner: Todd D. Ware

For: ORAL HYGIENE PRODUCT CONTAINING
SPHERICAL MICROPARTICLES ON THE
BASIS OF LINEAR WATER-INSOLUBLE
POLYGLUCANS

Attorney Docket No. 215547.02500

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated August 26, 2003, for one-month from February 26, 2004 up to and including May 26, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fees for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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